AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A protective device for a load branch circuit, comprising:

a first protective element to provide motor protection and line protection; and

an integral second protective element in series with the first protective element and located on a line side of the first protective element, including a fuse, to provide short-circuit protection of the first protective element and the motor, wherein the second protective element is designed to provide overload protection for an electronic switching device, the electronic switching device being in series with the first protective element, and wherein the first protective element includes an overload relay in series with the second protective element.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The protective device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fuse is transferrable from its operating position into a maintenance position.

4. (Previously Presented) The protective device as claimed in claim 3, further comprising:

a locking mechanism to secure the maintenance position.

5. (Previously Presented) The protective device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

an auxiliary switch to signal the status of the fuse.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The protective device as claimed in claim 1, wherein a trip response of the first protective element is coordinated with the rating of a switching device.

8. (Currently Amended) An arrangement comprising:

~~a~~ the protective device as claimed in claim 1; and

~~a~~ the switching device, wherein the protective device and the switching device include widths of the same dimensions.

9. (Previously Presented) The protective device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fuse is transferable from its operating position into a maintenance position.

10. (Previously Presented) The protective device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

an auxiliary switch to signal the status of the fuse.

11. (Currently Amended) A protective device for a load branch circuit, comprising:

first means for providing motor protection and line protection; and

an integral second means in series with the first protective means and located on a line side of the first protective means, including a fuse, for providing short-circuit protection of the first protective element and the motor, wherein the second means is designed to provide overload protection for an electronic switching device, the electronic switching device being in series with

the first protective means, and wherein the first means includes an overload relay in series with the second protective means.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) The protective device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the fuse is transferable from its operating position into a maintenance position.

14. (Previously Presented) The protective device as claimed in claim 13, further comprising:

means for securing the maintenance position.

15. (Currently Amended) The protective device as claimed in claim 11, further comprising

~~Means~~ means for signaling the status of the fuse.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) The protective device as claimed in claim 11, wherein a trip response of the first means is coordinated with the rating of a switching device.

18. (Currently Amended) An arrangement comprising:

~~a~~ the protective device as claimed in claim 11; and

~~a~~ the switching device, wherein the protective device and the switching device include widths of the same dimensions.

19. (Previously Presented) The protective device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the fuse is transferable from its operating position into a maintenance position.

20. (Previously Presented) The protective device as claimed in claim 11, further comprising:

means for signaling the status of the fuse.

21. (New) The protective device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the protective device is configured to be directly plugged onto the switching device.